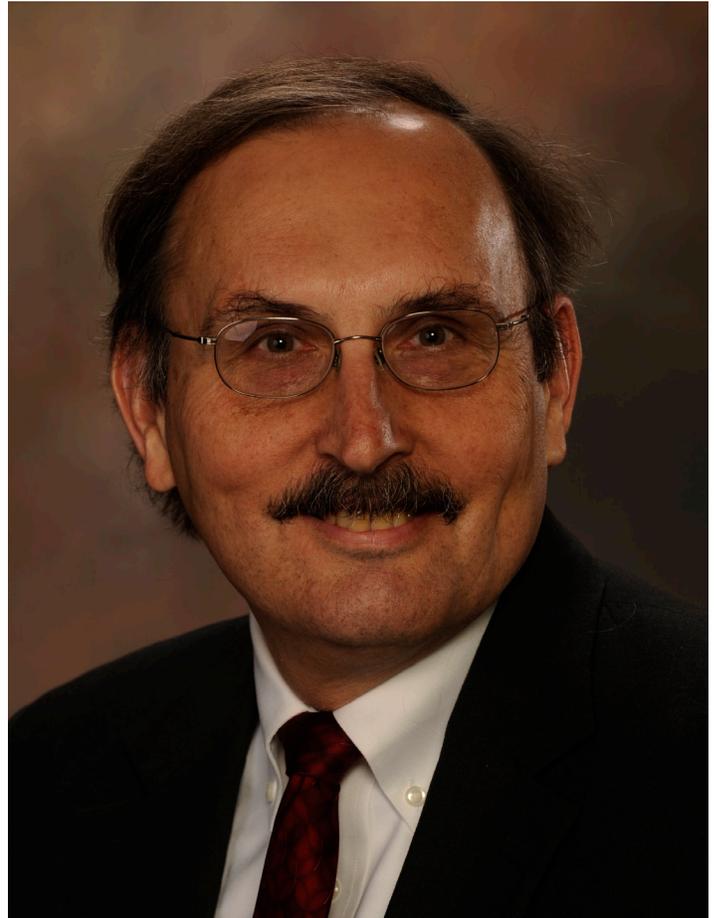


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Joseph Molnar, a native of Pennsylvania, earned his bachelor's degree in sociology and mathematics in 1972 and his master's degree in sociology in 1973, both from Kent State University, and received a Ph.D. in sociology from Iowa State University in 1976.

He joined the Auburn faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology in 1976, was promoted to associate professor in 1981, full professor in 1986, and served as an Alumni Professor from 1989 to 1994.

He has edited three books and authored more than 150 total publications. He has directed or co-directed 20 graduate theses, including five Ph.D. students.

Molnar has served as vice president (1992-1996) and president (1996-2000) of the International Rural Sociological Society and served as the society's chairman for its World Congress Program (1988-1992); is a member and has served in a variety of capacities for the Rural Sociological Society; was president of the Food Bank of East Alabama and Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honorary; is an adviser to the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honorary; and is a member of Sigma, Xi Scientific Honorary. He is also a member of the European Society of Rural

Sociology, Southern Sociological Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, for which he has served in a variety of leadership and service roles.

His recent work focuses on the barriers to the adoption of irrigation in Alabama farming systems, the implementation of sustainable agriculture practices, the practice of organic and low-input agriculture, and the use of core-4 conservation practices on Alabama farms. He currently leads a multi-institutional project focusing on aquaculture training and watershed management in Africa.